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Hence sprang the fable of TIRES
IAS,,
That he the 'pleasure of both 'sexes
fried ;
For, in a, dance, he man and
woman was, " - -"
By often change of place, from side
to side^
But, for the woman easily did slide,
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And smoothly swim w^th
cunning hidden Art, He took
more pleasure in a woman's
part. „

84.

So to a fish, VENUS herself did
change!?' '« And swimming
through the soft and yielding wave.
With gentle motions did so smoothly
range, As none might see where she
the w\$ter drave ! But this plain
truth, that falsed fable-gave^ That
she did 'dance with sliding easiness,
Plicwit and .quick in wandering
passages*

85.

And merry BACCHUS practised
dancing too! And to the
Lydian'numbers, Rounds did
wake*' The hke he did in
th''Eastern India do, And taught
them all, when PHOEBUS did
awake;' And when, at night', he did
his 'coach forsake.
To honour heaven, and heaven's
grefot rolling eye, W^th turm^g
dances, and with melody*

86.

Thus they who first did found a
Common *weal) And they who-
first Religion did ordain ; By
dancing first, the people's hearts
did steal: Of whom w& ndw a
thbusand idles do feign. "Yet do
we now their perfect rules retain,
And use them still in such'
devices new;
As in the world, long since, their
withering grew.,